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NOTE FOR D/OLL and DD/OI

VIA C/Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Congressman Richard Ottinger's
Office by Staffer Becky Stone, 16 November 1984

1. Becky called to say she had received an urgent call from Sister [redacted] of the Maryknoll Sisters Community in Westchester, New York.

2. Sister [redacted] had herself received a call from the Maryknoll community located in Ocotal, Nicaragua on Wednesday of this week (14 November) in which she was advised that the Sisters there had received a telephone threat from a man who identified himself as a member of the "contras." The man said "they" were planning to blow up the community. The Sister in Nicaragua was not sure the caller meant the Maryknoll community or the community where the Maryknoll Sisters are located.

3. I asked Becky whether the man had actually identified himself by name or as a "contra" and she replied that he was quoted as saying he was "from the forces fighting communism in Nicaragua." Understandably, Becky said, they are extremely concerned about the seriousness of the threat.

4. Becky wanted to know whether anyone in the Agency could make a contact with the contras to prevent the bombing from taking place. I suggested to her that perhaps it might be a good idea for the Sisters to vacate the property at least for a few days, till the bomb threat seemed to be over. Becky responded that the Mother Superior there would not vacate the premises, as she feared it might be directed at the general community and they would want to be there to help.

5. I explained to Becky that I was not sure we could do anything, but that she could be assured that I would pass on the word to my superiors.

6. Becky went on to say that she was told that there had been mortar fire in the area before, sometimes close and sometimes a distance away. She again asked that I pass the information so that someone in the Agency could attempt to make a contact with the contras in the area of Ocotal.